

**FRANCHISE TAX BOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2002**

The Franchise Tax Board met in open session at 1:30 p.m. at the State Board of Equalization, 450 N Street, Hearing Room 121, Sacramento, California. Present were Hon. Kathleen Connell, Hon. John Chiang, and Annette Porini, representing Hon. B. Timothy Gage.

**Franchise Tax Board**

**Staff Participating:**

Gerald H. Goldberg, Brian W. Toman, Donald L. Buxton, Titus Toyama, Brian Putler, Pat Kusiak, Lisa Crowe, Frank Lanza, Ralph Shoemaker, Carissa Lynch, and Claudette Romo.

**Others Participating:**

Scott Baugh, from Computer & Communications Industry Association; Chia-Chieh Chen, president, C&S Technologies, Inc.; Dave Doerr, from Cal-Tax; Lenny Goldberg, from California Tax Reform Association, and representing the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse; Whitney MacDougall, from Intuit; Richard Harris, attorney; Larry McCarthy, California Taxpayers Association; and Timur Taluy, vice president, FileYourTaxes.com.

**Item 1. – Legislative Matters**

The following positions for bills were approved 2-0 (Ms. Porini abstaining):

AB 1857	Support	SB 1275	Support if amended
AB 1862	Neutral if amended	SB 1288	Opposed
SB 145	Support	SB 1300	Support if amended
SB 1273	Neutral if amended	SB 1365	Support

The Board took no position on AB 2127 and AB 2781.

**Item 2. – E-Filing – Form 540 EZ**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, as amended to delete the words “one of” in the first sentence of the fourth paragraph.

The Board heard from the following members of the public concerning the Memorandum of Understanding:

Scott Baugh, from Computer & Communications Industry Association  
Chia-Chieh Chen, president, C&S Technologies, Inc.  
Dave Doerr, from Cal-Tax  
Lenny Goldberg, from California Tax Reform Association and  
representing the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse  
Whitney MacDougall, from Intuit  
Larry McCarthy, California Taxpayers Association  
Timur Taluy, vice president, FileYourTaxes.com

**Item 3. – Child Support**

The Board received an update of the Child Support Program.

**Item 4. – Regulation Matters**

The Board unanimously approved the staff request to proceed with the formal regulatory process on Draft Proposed Regulation 23334 (Tax Clearance Certificate).

**Item 5. – Recent Amendments to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Law**

The Board unanimously approved the staff request to proceed with the formal regulatory process on New Proposed Regulation 17000.3.

**Item 6. – Administrative Matters**

a. Contracts – Form 9 – Houston Field Office/Audit Division/Lease of additional space.

Action on this item was postponed, pending further analysis by staff.

b. Contracts – Multi-year contract for security services.

The Board unanimously approved the staff request.

**Item 7. – Executive Officer's Time**

Gerald Goldberg reported on the department's receipt of mail containing potentially toxic material.

**Item 8. – Board Members' Time**

No issues were discussed under this agenda item.

The Board received comments from Richard Harris concerning closed session notices and disclosures.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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Date